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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Pamela R. Contag, et al.

SERIAL No.: 08/844,336

FILED: April 18, 1997

FOR: Biodetectors Targeted to Specific Ligands

EXAMINER:

V. Ryan

ART UNIT:

1641

Petition for Extension of Time

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a Three-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office action in the above-identified application mailed June 28, 1999. Enclosed is check no. 3451 in the amount of \$435.00 to extend the period of response from September 28, 1999 to December 28, 1999.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees (or to credit any overpayment) herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0652. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted.

Date: 12-28-29

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